



## Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN OF EXPENDITURE FOR  
THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITIONS OF 1996 TO REALLOCATE UNSPENT  
COMPETITIVE EXCESS FUNDS TO  
THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT TO FUND THE ORANGE SPLASH PAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
(FOURTH DISTRICT - 3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$176,000 in Competitive Excess Funds originally allocated to the City of Paramount, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Paramount to fund the Orange Splash Pad Improvements Project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed Orange Splash Pad Improvements Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Approve an Alternative Plan of Expenditure for the City of Paramount to fund its Orange Splash Pad Project by reallocating an amount not to exceed \$176,000 in Fourth Supervisorial District Competitive Excess Funds, originally allocated to the City of Paramount.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$176,000, to the City of Paramount when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for

Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$176,000 of Competitive Excess Funds previously allocated to the City of Paramount, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the 1996 Proposition, to the City of Paramount for the proposed Orange Splash Pad Improvements Project (Project).

On March 4, 2014, the Board awarded \$300,000 in Competitive Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Paramount for its All American Park, Progress Park, and Paramount Park Improvements Projects. However, the City has completed the projects under budget and has requested that the remaining funds be reallocated to fund the proposed Project.

The proposed Project involves general improvements to the "Splash Zone" in the City of Paramount including the construction of the new pedestrian opening at the corner of Orange Avenue and San Miguel Street, repainting of existing wrought iron fencing, block walls and existing pool building, as well as renovation of existing restrooms and shower area. The estimated total project cost is \$729,876. The recommended Competitive Excess Funds will be supplemented by \$553,876 from the City's General Fund.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable, and to administer the grants pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing recreational activities in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in an amount not to exceed \$176,000 is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Project Fund, HB4.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City of Paramount has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts

specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for County Projects.

An Alternative Plan of Expenditure (Alternative Plan) is the mechanism utilized to reallocate unspent Specified Funds pursuant to the 1996 Proposition. The Board may utilize an Alternative Plan to reallocate Competitive Excess Funds as well.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the projects. The City of Paramount is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The proposed Project, which consists of construction of the new pedestrian opening at the corner of Orange Avenue and San Miguel Street, repainting of existing wrought iron fencing, block walls, and existing pool building, and renovation of existing restrooms and shower area, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d) and 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c) and 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration and rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures and facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety and construction of small new facilities or structures.

The proposed Project above will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed project's records.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009. The Grant Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Interim County Counsel  
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors